

Colorado State
Acquired Infections Disclosure Initiative
Information valid as of February 13, 2009
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1. Enacted

In June 2006. House Bill 06-1045, *Hospital Acquired Infections Disclosure Act*.

Source Document for Bill:

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/PatientSafety/HospitalReportCardInitiative/HB061045.pdf>

2. Oversight:

1. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is the lead state agency for this initiative.
2. They were provided funding for 1 FTE for this initiative.
3. An Advisory Committee¹ was developed to assist with selecting clinical procedures, assuring quality and accuracy of the data and developing and distributing the reports.

3. Who reports?

1. Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Hospital Units and Dialysis Treatment Centers. This must be done as a condition of their state licensure. (NOTE: only acute care hospitals were included in the first annual report because the reporting matrix only impacted their area of care &/or the reported system did not accommodate non-hospital organizations.)
2. Physicians who perform any of the targeted procedures are required to report infections diagnosed during patient follow-up care visits to the facility where the procedure was done.

4. What is reported?

1. Heart Bypass
 2. Hip Replacement
 3. Knee Replacement
 4. Central line bloodstream infections in ICUs (adult and neonatal)
 5. Herniorrhaphy will be reported in 2010 reports
- * Infection data where 20 procedures or less in a 12 month period were performed is suppressed to protect confidential information.

5. When is data reported?

1. Data reported for a 12 month timeframe – August 1 through July 31.

¹ Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infection Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC)

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2. Data is extracted by CDPHE from NHSN. When the data is extracted is not clearly known.

6. Reporting Process:

1. Health facility acquired infections data is collected at the facility level and then submitted to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) database
2. Colorado health facilities must enroll with NHSN to submit facility data.
3. Colorado facilities provide “permissions” to CDPHE so they can access the NHSN data.
4. Report is created and posted to website. No prior review allowed by the hospitals prior to posting the information.

7. Data Elements of Report: *(this is a sample - not real data from report)*

Health Facility	Town	Infection Count	Procedure Count	SIR ²	National Comparison ³
St. John's Medical Cntr	Boulder	3	52	4.65	Three choices: ● or ○ or ◎

8. What is done with the data:

1. The CDPHE has a page on their website dedicated to Health Facility Acquired Infections Reporting Initiative.
2. The link to the website is: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/PatientSafety/HFAI/>
3. The annual report is posted on the website and can be downloaded as a pdf. http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hf/PatientSafety/Rev%202.4.09_daniels.pdf
4. No public restrictions for the data.

² Standardized Infection Ratio – a risk adjusted summary measure that accounts for the type of procedure and risk category

³ There are 3 categories: A) Hospitals can have a statistically lower (better) infection rate than the national rate; B) Hospitals can have an infection rate that is statistically the same as the national rate; or C) Hospitals can have a statistically higher (worse) rate than the national rate.